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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IRANIAN SURVEILLANCE - DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN (APRIL  
18, 2006)

REF: SIMAS EVENT # 88926 , REPORTED APRIL 18, 2006

CLASSIFIED BY: James Rowe, RSO, RSO, State.

REASON: 1.4 (b), (c)

¶1. (S/NF) On April 18, 2006 at approximately 1400 hours, RSO was contacted by the Surveillance Detection (SD) supervisor who stated that at approximately 1306 hours local, SD personnel spotted two male subjects located at Rudaki Avenue and Said Nosir street intersection (approximately 2 blocks from Embassy's outer perimeter) and one subject had a video camera. Subject was filming in the direction (NW) of School #10 located on Said Nosir street. Adjacent to this school is the Tajik Pedagogical University. RSO COMMENT: Said Nosir Street runs East - West and is the Embassy's main vehicle route from Rudaki Avenue to the Embassy. It is unknown how long subjects were in the area or their exact routes on foot. END COMMENT. At approximately 1312 hours, a vehicle mishap occurred on Rudaki with one vehicle colliding with a child on a bicycle. Most of the pedestrians in the area ran towards the accident. At this point, a White Nissan Maxima with one male driver, license plate (D001022 Iranian Diplomatic Plate) drove up and the two male subjects entered the vehicle and departed quickly South on Rudaki Avenue.

¶2. (S/NF) Subsequently, RSO requested the SD analyst enter the information into SIMAS and search the SD database for any reports on the same license plate number (results were negative). In addition, RSO briefed the DCM and passed the information to SIMO personnel.

¶3. (S/NF) Note: On April 19, 2006, RSO was informed of a fairly new "Embassy of Republic of Iran Office of Cultural Counselor" located approximately 500 meters from the Embassy. A drive by indicated that the vehicles parked within the compound, are Iranian Dip plated. In addition, RSO was told that on April 18, 2006 a delegation of Iranians visited the Pedagogical University for about 40 minutes.

¶4. (S/NF) RSO COMMENT: RSO is not sure exactly what the two male subjects were up to; whether they were video taping some event, or Embassy routes and vehicles. Post and RSO remain alert and vigilant and RSO will report any further information if it becomes available.

¶5. (U) Please direct any questions to RSO James "Chance" Rowe.

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